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RE: JACK LEE HODGE

Information was received that on November 16, 1963, an unknown man telephoned long distance from Wheaton, Maryland, to a woman, apparently his wife, in Florida. During the telephone conversation, the man allegedly mentioned that someone would be killed, the state of Texas was also mentioned, and the man allegedly stated the woman would read about it in the newspaper. The woman identified the caller as "Jack."

Inquiry indicated that the caller may possibly be one Jack L. Hodge, Eau Gallie, Florida, who was allegedly in the Washington, D. C. area on approximately November 16, 1963, seeking employment.

Jack Lee Hodge, who advised he was born March 2, 1921, at Huntington, West Virginia, on December 20, 1963, stated he is an unemployed electronics engineer; that he was last employed by Comprehensive Designers, Inc., a sub-contractor, doing work for Radiation, Inc., Palm Bay, Florida; and that while so employed, he had had a "secret" clearance. He stated he was discharged from this employment on November 8, 1963; that he and his wife, Patricia Hodge, left Palm Bay, Florida, November 8, 1963, spent one night at Melbourne, Florida, and then traveled to Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Hodge said that on November 9, 1963, he left his wife in Fort Lauderdale and traveled to Washington, D. C., to seek employment with Defense Electronics, Rockville, Maryland. He said he stayed one night at Arlington, Virginia, and then moved to Rockville, Maryland, where he remained until November 19, 1963. Hodge's anticipated employment did not materialize and he returned to Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Hodge said that while in Rockville, Maryland, he made several long distance telephone calls to his wife in Fort Lauderdale. He stated that he had also made other long distance calls; that most of the calls were made from

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telephone booths near the Rainbow Motel Lodge, Rockville Heights, Rockville, Maryland. He said he also made one or more calls from the Rockville Bar.

Hodge stated he has a brother, ~~Charles A. Hodge~~, who resides at ~~2217 18th Street, Lubbock, Texas~~, and that he also has a close friend, ~~Bruce Stanbaugh~~, who lives in ~~Denton, Texas~~, but is now working in ~~Tulsa, Oklahoma~~. Hodge said that during early November, 1963, Stanbaugh was involved in an automobile accident in Texas; that prior to leaving Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Hodge received a letter telling of the accident and while he was in Maryland, he telephonically contacted Stanbaugh's wife in Texas regarding the accident. Hodge recalled that during one conversation with his wife, he mentioned the accident and stated that Stanbaugh could have been killed in the Texas accident. Hodge stated that he could not recall making any reference to his wife's having read about this or anything else in a newspaper. Hodge denied knowledge of any killings in Texas and also denied that he had discussed any such thing by telephone or by any other means with his wife or any organization. Hodge denied any acquaintanceship or association in any way with Lee Harvey Oswald or anyone else in Dallas, Texas. He denied any knowledge of or any connection with the assassination of President Kennedy and indicated he knew nothing of the assassination until it was announced publicly on November 22, 1963.

Patricia Hodge, wife of Jack Lee Hodge, corroborated the information furnished by her husband. She recalled that her husband had called her several times from Maryland around November 16, 1963, but denied that he had made any statement about a killing in Texas which she would read about in the newspaper. Patricia Hodge also cited the automobile accident involving Stanbaugh and indicated that Jack Hodge had discussed this incident during his calls, indicating that Stanbaugh could have been killed in Texas.

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